

Torrance, California
May 21, 1929

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 21, 1929, and was called to order by Mayor Dennis at 7:50 P. M.

The following Trustees were present: Maxwell, Wolfe, Steiner and Dennis.
Absent: None. (Trustee Raymond died May 13, 1929.)

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 1929, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 1929, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of May 14, 1929, were read and approved as read.

Mayor Dennis addressed the board, and stated that a peculiar situation had presented itself since the appointment of G. A. R. Steiner as a member of the board, and in order not to jeopardize any proceedings the Clerk would read the resignation of Mr. Steiner which would be self-explanatory.

The Clerk then read the following:

Torrance, California
May 6, 1929.

To the Honorable Board of City Trustees,
Torrance, California

Gentlemen, Dear Sirs:

I have no doubt you will be surprised to receive this letter from me, for I know you were as innocent of intentional wrong doing when you appointed me Trustee, as I was when I accepted the appointment.

In my research in the statutes of this state, to familiarize myself with my duties, that I might render a service that would not reflect upon your judgement in selecting a member of your honorable Board, I discovered that I will not be eligible to act as a Trustee until May 24, 1929. Therefor I respectfully tender you my resignation as City Trustee.

(Signed) G. A. R. STEINER

Trustee Maxwell moved that resignation be accepted.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Maxwell introduced the following resolution which was adopted unanimously;

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

Be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Torrance, hereby desires to extend to Mrs. Charles E. Raymond and family its profound sympathy in the death of husband and father.

We deeply feel the loss of this true friend and associate and express the assurance that this City which Mr. Raymond so conscientiously and unselfishly served, feels that it has lost a true guardian.

This Council desires that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the family, and that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

The Mayor then called for protests on the assessment and warrant for improvement of Cravens Avenue and Portions of Other Streets. No protests written or verbal having been received, Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 422

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ALTERING, AMENDING AND CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CRAVENS AVENUE AND PORTIONS OF OTHER STREETS AS CONTEMPLATED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 369, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1928.

Trustee Maxwell moved that Resolution No. 422 be adopted.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

Clerk Bartlett read the following communications;

A letter from the Union Oil Company, dated May 2, 1929, requesting delay in their application for franchise was read, and referred to the City Attorney.

A communication from the Davis Market, dated May 3, 1929, asking for information regarding licenses and delivering in the City of Torrance, was read.

Trustee Maxwell moved that letter be referred to City Attorney Briney, and same be reported on at next meeting.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

A letter from the Torrance High School, dated May 4, 1929, thanking the Council for passing the Ordinance prohibiting the sale of Fourth of July fireworks until after school is out, was read.

A protest from the Torrance Cycle and Sporting Goods Company, dated May 17, 1929, asking that trench at back door of store for fire protection when burning grass be filled up, as it made it very inconvenient for patrons to enter at the rear, also for delivery of goods, was read.

A letter from William M. Bell Jr., Principal of the Torrance Elementary School, dated May 14, 1929, was read, recommending that bill from Dr. Shidler for (\$25.00) for emergency accident which happened on the school ground be paid by City.

Trustee Maxwell moved that the bill be paid. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. H. A. Pfanschmidt, 1307 Cedar St., dated May 6, 1929, thanking the Council for passing the Ordinance for topping the trees on Cedar Street, also Mr. Gascoigne for the work done on those before his home.

Two petitions signed by residents of northern part of Lomita requesting annexation to Torrance, were introduced.

Mayor Dennis referred petitions asking that territory be annexed to City of Torrance, to the Clerk for checking, and same be reported at regular meeting in June.

Petition was read asking for proceedings to be taken to acquire a right of way for public street purposes of that portion of the Pacific Electric right of way along Redondo Boulevard beginning at the prolongation northwesterly of the southwesterly line of Cravens Avenue to the prolongation northeasterly of the northwesterly line of Post Avenue, and along Cabrillo Avenue from Border Avenue to Carson Street. And further petition to cause proceedings to be taken to pave those portions of the Pacific Electric right of way above described. And that the cost of such improvements be assessed against the property in such districts in the City of Torrance as the Board shall deem just and equitable. No action was taken at this time. It was suggested that 45° parking be tried out on the west side of Cabrillo Ave., and Street Superintendent Gascoigne was instructed to mark off the parkings.

ORDINANCE NUMBER	183	---	Amending License Ordinance
"	"	---	Vacation of Portion of Hawthorne Blvd.
"	"	---	Fire Works Ordinance.
"	"	---	Parking, and Pacific Electric Right of Way.
"	"	---	Re-zoning Lot 1 - Block 12.

were re-introduced by Trustee Maxwell.

Motion by Trustee Maxwell that RESOLUTION NO. 421-----CONCERNING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF CATALINA AVENUE, be re-adopted.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

Motion by Trustee Maxwell that RESOLUTION NO. 419-----GRANTING CONSENT TO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO IMPROVE PORTION OF CERTAIN STREETS. BYRL AVENUE.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the

following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Maxwell moved that the City Clerk be instructed to call for bids for 1000 Ft. of 2-1/2" and 300 Ft. of 1-1/2" Fire Hose.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Wolfe moved that the City Clerk be instructed to call for bids for a Dodge Truck for the Street Department:

Trustee Maxwell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 423.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THAT SHEETS 1, 2, and 3, OF MAP, OF TRACT NO. 10307, THIS DAY PROPOSED TO SAID COUNCIL BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

Trustee Wolfe moved that Resolution No. 423 be adopted. Trustee Maxwell seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

Mayor Dennis appointed Trustee Maxwell chairman of Police, Fire and Lights Committee.

Trustee Maxwell moved that Mr. Ed. C. Nelson, be appointed as Trustee to fill the vacancy of Dr. Steiner. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

Motion by Trustee Maxwell that all bills properly audited, be paid. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " Nelson.

At 9:55 P. M. Trustee Maxwell moved to adjourn, to May 28, 1929, Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote;

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Wolfe and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " Nelson.

The meeting was adjourned.

A. H. Bantel
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

John Dennis
 Mayor of the City of Torrance